

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., March 27, 1878.—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States warmer, cloudy weather and rain areas, southerly winds, falling barometer, possibly followed by rising barometer and colder northwest winds.

**CITY COUNCIL.**—The City Council held its regular meeting last night.

**Board of Aldermen.**—This Board met at 7:35 o'clock with five members present, and one other subsequently came in. Considerable business was transacted, all without debate.

Mr. Strauss moved to pay the bill of Thomas Lannon, for groceries furnished the poor, which was laid over at the last meeting.

The motion being about to fail for want of a second.

Mr. Dowham said that he would second the motion of Mr. Strauss, but did not see how Council could, in view of the law, order the bill to be paid. He would be compelled to vote against it.

Mr. Smoot said that he had hoped that Mr. Lannon's resignation, as overseer of the poor, would have been handed in to night.

The motion to pay the bill was lost, and the Board, at 8:05 o'clock, adjourned.

**Common Council.**—There were few members present when the hour arrived for opening the Common Council last night, and it was some time before a bare quorum was obtained.

The official proceedings show who was present:—There was little business of any kind, and as soon as the Board opened Alderman Dowham entered and announced that his Board had no business and was ready to adjourn.

The business which appears in the official report was all transacted without debate, except some slight explanation which took place when a report adverse to a petition for improving Franklin street was read, then.

Mr. Hill said one of the petitioners proposed to erect a very fine three story house on that street if the improvement was made. He did not think it was a very satisfactory method of disposing of the case for the committee to ask to be discharged from its consideration.

A communication from the Auditor announcing that the additional \$500 appropriated for the use of the poor had been all expended except \$291, and suggesting that \$320 received from the county for the support of a county pauper be turned over to the Committee on the Poor was read.

Mr. Schofield did not wish any further sum to be appropriated for the poor, as every member of the committee was to be consulted as to its expenditure. He introduced a resolution with this view, which was passed.

Just at this point it was announced that the Board of Aldermen had adjourned.

Mr. Schofield gave notice that he intended to file with the Auditor a protest against any further payments on account of the poor with out the order of the whole committee.

The Board then adjourned.

**FIRE.**—The "Fort Neck" school house, situated in Prince George's county, Md., about two miles from Fort Washington, came near being destroyed by fire on Monday last during school hours.

The roof of the building, which was made of shingles, and the floors were spreading fast, when a colored woman, who happened to be passing, gave the alarm by running to the house, throwing the shingles, and shouting, "Y'all better run, y'all better run, y'all better run."

Now, if the inmates needed a second alarm, it was a few minutes later, when the flames were fully engaged, some trying to extinguish the flames, while others carried out the books, desks and all the movable furniture. They succeeded in putting the fire out, after it had burned a hole in the roof, about six or eight feet square. Much of it is due to the teacher, Miss E. M. Smith, of Falls Church, Va., and her scholars for thus saving the building, as the wind blew very hard.

The store of G. W. Richardson, at Saratoga, Prince George's county, Md., caught fire on Monday morning, the flames were extinguished by the neighbors, after slight damage had been done to the roof. The store is on the site of one destroyed by fire a short time since.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Judge James Sangster presiding.—Robert Cook vs. E. A. Nelson; attachment, motion to abate and motion sustained.

In the matter of Joseph Smith's estate, exceptions sustained and commission ordered to restore the account of the administrator.

An inquiry upon the body of a stranger, who died in Alexandria county was filed and various accounts relating thereto were offered for the post.

H. D. Smith vs. E. A. Nelson; unlawful detainer, et al.; jury unable to agree, and case continued.

Court adjourned until court in course.

**CANAL ITEMS.**—Paymaster Fawcett, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, was in Georgetown yesterday, and paid the employees of the company on the Georgetown Level for the month of February. The laborers recently engaged in removing the mud and other debris from the bed of the canal were also paid.

The water has been turned in the canal at Seneca and as far down as the seven locks. The boat Snyder, which, among others, was caught at Seneca during the December freshet, was so badly damaged that when the water was turned in the level she sank.

**DROWNED.**—The Washington Republican says that John T. Brando, a sailor on board the schooner Memento, reported at the Island station yesterday morning, that a brother sailor, named Gus. Movers, was drowned Sunday morning during the storm which prevailed in Chesapeake Bay. The deceased was sent out to take in sail, and was knocked overboard by the job. Owing to the heavy sea it was impossible to send a boat to the rescue of the unfortunate man, and he was soon swept out of sight of the vessel. He was a native of Worcester county, Maryland.

**POLICE ITEMS.**—The only case at police headquarters today was that of James Richards, alias Phillips, and Jeff Phillips, for stealing coal from John Doxan, colored. Phillips was discharged and Richards sent to jail for fifteen days.

Justice Thompson had before him Hattie Davis, colored, charged by Lucy Lee, also colored, with abusing her. The case was dismissed at complainant's cost.

**FATAL BURNING.**—A little child of Nelson Clark, colored, who lives north of the canal locks, was fatally burned yesterday evening. It and another child had been left alone in a room by their mother, and the clothing of this one caught fire from the stove. The child, which was about two years old, survived its injuries only a few hours and died in great agony.

**THE FISHERIES.**—Receipts at Fishmarket since brought \$23; 3,000 herrings, which sold for \$15, and 200 ounces of white fish which brought from 30 to 35 cents. Affairs are beginning to assume a brisker appearance, and it is hoped that the fisheries will commence in earnest next week.

**SOMETHING NEW.**—An all wool Boy's Diagonal Vest for \$5 at the Boss Clothing House, Broadman's old stand, corner King and Fairfax streets. mh 26 if

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## From Washington.

[SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.  
SENATE.

In the Senate, to-day, the usual number of memorials, petitions, &c., were presented and referred.

Mr. Withers presented the joint resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia relative to the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland, and asking for legislation to carry out the act.

A number of private bills were reported and referred.

The House resolution making an appropriation to fill up the grounds south of the Capitol was favorably reported.

A bill was introduced to extend the jurisdiction of United States Circuit Courts in certain cases.

A resolution was adopted calling for information as to the occupation by the Government of the North Carolina and Atlantic Railroad from May to October, 1865.

A bill to create an educational fund and establish a scientific college was referred.

A resolution to pay John Ray and W. L. McMillan \$1,000 each for expenses incurred in contesting claims to seats in the Senate from Louisiana was passed by a vote of 53 to 7.

The annual report of the Fish Commission for 1876-77 was submitted and ordered to be printed.

Messrs. Bustis, Conover and Saunders were appointed to meet the body of the late Representative Leonard.

The Pacific Railroad funding bill was then taken up, and

Mr. Hill, of Georgia, addressed the Senate.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

In the House of Representatives a number of bills, resolutions, &c., were introduced and referred; among them

A bill for the relief of persons entitled to pensions.

A bill to compensate the State of North Carolina for the use of certain grounds and buildings by the Government of the United States.

The bill to prevent the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases in the United States, was taken up, variously amended, and passed.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Connecticut contested election case.

**NOTES.**

The Naval Committee of the Senate have definitely decided unfavorably upon the nomination of Mr. Esby as Naval Constructor.

**Local Brevities.**

The Whitehouse Club will meet to-morrow night at the usual place, for reorganization.

Mrs. R. W. Falls, whose serious illness has been heretofore noticed in the Gazette, is still in a critical condition, at her brother-in-law's residence, in Baltimore.

A fight occurred between two well known mechanics at the corner of King and Columbus streets to-day, during which one of the parties was knocked down.

**The Eighth Congressional District.**

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

A great many questions of public policy are under discussion at present, and there are but few men who meet the demands of the times.

We believe that James V. Brooke, the Senator from the Fauquier district, possesses the essential qualities to make an efficient representative in Congress. The counties of Orange and Madison are decidedly in favor of Mr. Brooke for the next representative from the Eighth District.

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**YEAST.**—Gillett's Dry Yeast for sale by

Jan 28 DAVY & HARMON.

**PRIME LEMONS and ORANGES** at

mh 12 J. C. & E. MILBURN'S.

## Virginia News.

The Richmond correspondent of the Peters-

burg Index says:—Geo. R. Miller, brother of

the young lady who died under somewhat mys-

terious circumstances at Ford's Hotel last week,

arrived here from Rochester, Ind., last night on

the late Northern train. Until the Logansport

authorities were notified by the coroner of Rich-

mond of the young lady's death, the Miller

family had no idea that Miss Miller was in

Richmond. The truth is, as Miller candidly

admits, she had been estranged from her fam-

ily for 6 or 7 years and they knew little of her

whereabouts. They are well to do. She learned

the dress making trade and was thereby able to

earn her own living. Mr. Miller believes that

she had led a pure life, but suggests no theory

to account for her appearance here, without

business or evident purpose. Mr. Miller this

morning visited Oakwood where the young lady

was buried. He ordered a slab to be erected

at her grave and evergreens to be planted around

it. It seems that they are content to have her

rest here in Richmond. So the mystery is still

unsolved. It remains still debated why she

came to Richmond and how she died—whether

from natural causes or from suicide.

I. M. Powell, who has been on trial in Rock-

ingham county for wrecking a freight train on

the Valley division of the Baltimore and Ohio

Railroad, near Coward's Crossing, last Novem-

ber, by which the engineer and fireman were

killed, has been acquitted.

The grand jury of Rockingham county has

been unable to identify the parties engaged in

the lynching, a few weeks ago, of Charlotte

Harris, a colored woman, accused of instigating

the burning of the barn of Mr. Sipe, in that

county.

Gen. Fitz Lee and Mr. Withers Waller have

established a fish depot in Fredericksburg,

which is kept supplied from their fisheries on

the Potomac.

The New York bank robbers arrested in Pat-

tersburg, on Saturday, will be taken to New

York for trial to-morrow.

Passengers from Norfolk report a heavy con-

flagration rained in the Dismal Swamp along

the track of the railroad.

It is reported that Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of

Wheeling, has received a call to Monumental

(Episcopal) Church in Richmond.

T. P. Matthews is to establish a woolen fac-

tory at Griffin's Mill, near Culpeper Court

House.

Mr. James Green died suddenly, immedi-

ately after eating his dinner, at his home in Rap-

ahannock county, last Monday.

**THE MOTTET REGISTER.**—Mr. Erasmus

Brooks has dared to do what probably no New

York Assemblyman, with any desire to remain

in public life, would have dared to do. He

has introduced a resolution requesting the

Committee on Cities to consider the advis-

ability of substituting for the existing Excise

law what is known as the Mottet law of Vir-

ginia; or in other words, that every glass of

alcoholic liquor consumed in a bar room shall

pay 25 cents into the city treasury, and each

glass of ale half a cent, and that the famous

bell-punch shall ring in this new device of mu-

nicipal reform. Mr. Brooks seems from the

language of his resolution, to be in favor of this

plan of raising a handsome sum of money an-

nually to aid in meeting the expenses of the

city and reducing the debt; and where so prom-

inent a Democrat leads in opposition to the

liquor dealers' interests, a Republican Legis-

lature, which has given liquor dealers no quar-

ter, could easily follow. Should this scheme

be adopted, New York would probably be simply

anticipating, through its Board of Assistant

Aldermen at Albany, the action of other cities

like Chicago and New Orleans, where the

same idea has been agitated and received with

no little approbation. —New York Tribune.

## OFFICIAL.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Alder-

men, held March 26th, 1878, there were present:

Wm. A. Moore, esq., President, and Messrs.

Smoot, Strauss, Marbury, Downham and

O'Neale.

A communication from the Auditor in regard

to the appropriations for the poor was received

and his recommendation in regard to \$250 re-

ceived for the board of a colored pauper from

Alexandria county, was adopted.

On motion it was resolved, that the Finance

Committee be and are hereby authorized to ne-

gotiate a loan of \$5,000 at the rate of interest not

to exceed six per centum per annum.

A bill of J. W. Nalls, \$250, for five years' service as Overseer of the Poor, was referred to

the Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Streets reported back the

petition of W. P. Graves and others, asking to

have Franklin street, from Washington to Fair-

fax, repaved, with Dutch grass macadam, and

asked to be discharged from its further con-

sideration, which was received and the commit-

tee discharged.

A petition of J. M. Howell for a wooden curb

and gutter in front of his property, corner Wash-

ington and Wolfe streets, was referred to the

Committee on Streets.

The report of the Committee on Streets on the

petition of A. S. Coleman and W. H. Jenkins

was called for and the table and the recommenda-

tion of the committee adopted, viz: That the

Superintendent of Police outfit the property

holders on the west side of Columbus streets, be-

tween Duke and Wolfe, to freshen curbs and on

vacant lots to put six feet pavement and that

he repave the gutter and give it a good grade,

the property holders to furnish the curbing and

other material for the gutter.